

**Noise Control Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2005**

**Attendees:** Chief Philip Muller  
Dr. Iris Udasin

Deborah Pinto, NJDEP  
John Kapferer

Eric Zwerling  
John Surmay.

**Absent:** Joe Lepis, Norm Dotti, Dr. Soporowski, George Miller, Mike Lakat, Mike Klewin, Renu Agrawal

**Noise Rule**

Update on Noise rule provided. The readoption without change was published in the NJ Register on June 6<sup>th</sup>. There's a 60-day comment period that ends 9/18/05. Meanwhile DEP is working with the Attorney General's Office on the proposed rule amendments and new train noise rule. The deputy assigned is new to noise (Jane Engel) since Alyssa Wolfe has taken a job at DEP as counselor to the Commissioner. DEP is hoping the review at the AG's Office can be completed by September.

The proposed deletion of "Industry" as a receptor will not be made since the DEP's Office of Legal Affairs believes there's insufficient reasons for doing so. The Council will need to discuss whether a sound standard specific for Industry (e.g. 75 decibels) is appropriate; however, an amendment to this provision will not be made to the current proposal. A handout of recent email correspondence between Joe Lepis, Norm Dotti, Eric Zwerling, Dave Triggs and Debbie Pinto was distributed.

**ATV/Watercraft Noise Subcommittee**

The members discussed the lack of progress by the ATV/Watercraft subcommittee, which is attributable to no specific tasks assigned to individual members of the subcommittee. The Council had indicated that the stakeholder meeting to discuss these noise concerns should be scheduled this fall, but we need to research the issues first, and identify various strategies to be presented. Subcommittee members need to volunteer for one or more of the tasks below to research this summer:

- Find ordinances and laws regulating noise from ATV's & watercraft
- Identify whether there are product specifications to reduce noise; and if there are sound standards in place that the manufacturers are using
- Identify possible representatives to invite as stakeholders (names, addresses)

**State Sound Level Standards**

There was a discussion among members that the Council may need to review whether municipalities should be able to institute more stringent standards if desired, to decrease noise levels further in their jurisdiction. Eric Zwerling stated that a previous model noise ordinance allowed 55 decibels as the daytime standard.

**Muffler Noise**

Eric Zwerling to research whether there are after market specs for mufflers

**THE COUNCIL WILL RECESS FOR THE SUMMER AND RECONVENE ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.**